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 A Named Inventor/Application Identifier: PETER I CHIPMAN ET AL  
 Express Mail Label No.: EV 325950849 US  
 Title: METHOD OF IMPROVING THE OPERATION OF A MANUFACTURING PROCESS

Date: February 27, 2004

**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**  
**UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

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1. ☒ This application is a(n):
  - a. ☒ Original
  - b. ☐ Continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. ☐ Divisional of Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Applicant(s) elect the invention of Group/Species \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. ☐ Continuation of Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. ☒ Specification
  - a. ☒ Pages 35
  - b. ☒ Drawings, Total sheets: 3
  
3. ☐ Oath or Declaration (unsigned)
  - a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b. ☐ Copy from a prior application  
☐ Please delete the following named inventors in the prior application: \_\_\_\_\_
  
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  - a. ☐ By inserting before the first line:  
 This is a ☐ continuation ☐ division ☐ continuation-in-part of  
 Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_, the entire  
 disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference
  - b. ☒ By inserting before the first line:  
 This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No.  
60/451,153 filed February 28, 2003 the entire disclosure of which is  
 hereby incorporated by reference
  - c. ☐ Cancel claims \_\_\_\_\_
  
5. ☐ This application claims the benefit of Application Number \_\_\_\_\_ filed  
 on \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ under 35 U.S.C. § 119, §  
 365(a), or § 365(b). (For originals)
  
6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
  
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MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))			+ \$280.00 =	
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- a. ☐ Recordation of Assignment
  - b. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449
  - c. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
  - d. ☒ A self-addressed, stamped return receipt postcard to be returned with the filing date and Serial No. thereon
  - e. ☐ Certified copy of priority documents

Respectfully submitted,

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